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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: COORDINATING COMMITTEE ITEM 23: NATURAL
DISASTERS

REF: A) STATE 156199, B) STATE 158975

1. ITEM 23 COMPLETED. DEBATE THIS ITEM LARGELY CON-
FINED TO EXPRESSIONS PLEASURE WORK OF UNDRO AND COMMENTS
RE UNDRO STAFFING AND TRAVEL NEEDS, THE LATTER FOR
LARGER DISASTERS. SUBJECT INTRODUCED BY BERKOL, UNDRO
COORDINATOR.

2. DUTCH RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JULY 23, AT WHICH TIME
U.S. INTRODUCED AMENDMENT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 PER
REF (B), WHICH IN PRIOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AGREED
TO BY CO-SPONSORS. SOVIETS ALSO INTRODUCED AMENDMENT
SAME OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH, WHILE FRG, FRANCE, TURKEY
AND BRAZIL INTRODUCED ISOLATED LANGUAGE AMENDMENTS.
ITEM THEN DROPPED TO ALLOW FOR INFORMAL DUTCH-US-USSR
CONSULTATIONS; AND RESUMED FOLLOWING DAY, JULY 24, AT
WHICH TIME AGREED-UPON TEXT OF RESOLUTION PASSED BY
CONSENSUS, WITH U.S. BECOMING CO-SPONSOR.

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3. WHILE REVISED TEXT PARA 4 CHANGED SOMEWHAT IN CONSULTATIONS FROM TEXT PROVIDED US REF (B), WE AGREED CO-SPONSOR ON GROUNDS: (A) REVISION DID NOT ALTER MAIN THRUST ORIGINAL U.S. AMENDMENT; (B) FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT STRENGTHENING OF UNDRO; AND (C) DESIRE TO HELP DUTCH, WHOSE HELP WE MAY NEED ELSEWHERE IN OTHER MORE IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS.

4. FINAL TEXT AS FOLLOWS (CO-SPONSORS: ETHIOPIA, INDONESIA, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, YUGOSLAVIA, U.S.): "THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

"RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2816 (XXVI) OF 14 DECEMBER 1971,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON ASSISTANCE IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTER AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS (DOC. E/5531),

"RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE SERVICES RENDERED BY VARIOUS UNITS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AND IN PARTICULAR THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR IN CASES OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS,

"EXPRESSING ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED IN THIS FIELD,

"CONVINCED THAT DISASTER PREVENTION AND PRE-DISASTER PLANNING HAVE TO FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,

"CONVINCED FURTHER THAT THE STAFF LIMITATIONS OF THE SAID OFFICE HAVE INHIBITED ITS ABILITY TO PREPARE DETAILS OF THE KIND OF RELIEF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES WHICH DONORS ARE WILLING TO FURNISH, AND FURTHER INHIBITED ITS ABILITY TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PRE-DISASTER PLANNING ADVICE,
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"1. EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A MORE SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO AND STRENGTHENING OF OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM IN ANTICIPATION OF, DURING AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE

THE FEASIBILITY OF MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO STRENGTHEN
THE UNITED NATIONS MACHINERY IN THIS RESPECT, ESPECIALLY
THE DISASTER PREVENTION, PRE-DISASTER PLANNING AND
CO-ORDINATING ROLES OF THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
DISASTER RELIEF CO-ORDINATOR, IN ORDER THAT THIS
MACHINERY MAY BE MADE MORE EFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH
NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER DISASTER SITUATIONS,

"3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO
SUBMIT HIS FINDINGS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
AT ITS FIFTY-NINTH SESSION;

"4. RECOMMENDS THAT AT ITS 29TH SESSION THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DISCUSSIONS
ON THIS ITEM AT THE 57TH SESSION OF ECOSOC, RECONSIDER
THE PROPOSALS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ADDITIONAL
STAFF RESOURCES AS INITIALLY REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL IN HIS BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR UNDRO FOR 1974"75,
IN LIGHT OF THE BIENNIAL NATURE OF THE BUDGET. ABRAMS

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